

### REMARKS

In the foregoing Amendment all of the remaining claims were revised to refer to an imaging apparatus, wherein Claim 55 is the only independent claim in the application.

Claim 55 requires that the imaging apparatus has a specific photoelectric conversion device having a conductive member and a wavelength converting member, and that it has a control circuit and a housing for the photoelectric devices and the control circuit. Moreover, an important aspect of Claim 55, as now presented, is that the conductive member, which is separated from the housing, is required to be “disposed between said housing and said wavelength converting member”.

In the above-identified Office Action these claims were rejected in view of the cited Crowell patent, wherein the element 38 was relied upon as disclosing the conductive member. In this regard, however, Applicant respectfully submits that element 38 in Crowell is merely the top cover, thereby comprising part of the housing for the apparatus. As such, element 38 in Crowell cannot be deemed to be a part of the photoelectric device.

Also, since element 38 of Crowell is part of the housing, it cannot be deemed to be “disposed between the housing and the wavelength converting member” as required in amended Claim 55.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance in the present application.

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